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1. On 31 January 1953, the Horn Kaserne on Nuhner Chaussee north of Friedrich Ebert Strasse in Frankfurt/Oder was occupied by about 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia including 50 uniformed women, and a tank repair shop. During the night of 25 January, a searchlight was observed practicing on the west side of the billeting area. Motor vehicles were seen driving to, and from, the installation.¹ 25X1
2. From 1 to 10 February, the guns had been removed from the AA gun emplacements at the railroad bridge on the western edge of the Eichwald woods, which was flooded, and had been shifted to higher positions in the Eichwald woods. camp fires and lanterns in the Eichwald woods. At 6 p.m. on 10 February, truck went to the AA gun emplacement, coming from Frankfurt/Oder.² 25X1
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3. On 24 January, several unlimbered 37-mm AA guns were noticed on the western bank of the Oder River about 200 meters north of the bridge which is crossed by trains bound for Brest. The soldiers were engaged in making earth embankments around the guns.² 25X1
4. On 17 February, a column of 12 AA guns, apparently returning from an exercise.³ 25X1
5. On 2 March, the Artillerie Kaserne northeast of August Bebel Strasse was occupied by about 700 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 75 percent of them with artillery insignia. On 18 February, 15 soldiers received training on a 37-mm AA gun in the billeting area, 40 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard and about 50 soldiers carrying rifles and submachine guns entered the installation, coming from the direction of Rosengarten-Westkreuz. On 27 February, 20 trucks including 3 trucks towing 37-mm AA guns and 3 trucks towing 76.2-mm AA guns left

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the installation toward the town. [redacted]

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6. On 2 March, the Buelow Kaserne at the intersection of Fuerstenwalder Poststrasse and Schillerstrasse, was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets including 30 percent with tank insignia. Tank T-34 No 303 moved out of the installation toward Markendorf on 18 February. About 25 soldiers equipped with submachine guns and targets entered the installation on 26 February, coming from the direction of Rosengarten. Fifteen soldiers pulled a 57-mm AT gun from the open area opposite the installation into the Buelow Kaserne.
7. On 2 March 1953, the Eichhorn Kaserne on the north side of Muellerroser Landstrasse, in its northeastern section, quartered 50 uniformed women who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. The guard detail at the barracks gate was furnished by the unit in the southeastern section of the installation. It wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Trucks [redacted] entered the installation on 19 February.
8. On 2 March, the southwestern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne was occupied by about 500 troops who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. About 30 soldiers marched into the installation on 19 February, coming from the Kiesberge hills. Truck [redacted] drove from the installation toward town. About 30 soldiers engaged in firing in the Kiesberge hills on 2 March. From 20 to 25 soldiers practiced throwing hand grenades on the close-combat range.
9. On 2 March, the eastern section of the Hindenburg Kaserne on the north side of August Bebel Strasse, in its eastern section, was occupied to capacity by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. About 150 soldiers and a band marched in the barracks yard on 23 February. Trucks [redacted] were identified in traffic from and to the installation.
10. On 2 March, the Horn Kaserne was occupied by about 600 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with tank insignia. T-34 tank [redacted] and an SP gun drove into the installation on 18 February. About 40 soldiers drilled in the barracks yard, while about 25 other soldiers engaged in field training between the barracks installation and Westkreuz on 19 February.
11. On 2 March, the Ziethen Kaserne on the east side of Kopernicus Strasse, south of the athletic field, was occupied by about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with tank insignia and, some, with artillery insignia. On 19 February, 20 to 30 soldiers engaged in repair work in the armory and, on 26 February, 40 to 50 soldiers entered the installation from the direction of Luehnen Vorwerk. A JS-1 tank drove into the installation on 2 March, coming from the direction of Markendorf. There was intensive activity in the entire billeting area on the same day. From 300 to 350 soldiers were observed.

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12. On 2 March, the komendatura in the Gelbo Presse building was occupied by about 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered crimson epaulets. Trucks [redacted] were identified in front of the building on 20 February. 25X1
13. On 17 February, 150 to 170 officers were seen in the Hofbauer Kaserne on the west side of Birnbaumwahlenweg and on the east side of Schubert Strasse. In addition, the installation quartered a maintenance unit of about 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. From 30 to 35 soldiers engaged in repair work in the armory on 17 February. Truck [redacted] occupied to capacity by officers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank insignia and black-bordered crimson epaulets entered the installation from the direction of Westkreuz. 1 25X1
14. On 6 February, [redacted] an AAA emplacement between the Kiesberge hills at the autobahn and the new cemetery. It had four 37-mm AA guns, a hut with lights and a telephone and, on one hill, a machine gun post and six trucks. 2 25X1
15. Prior to 11 March, no changes in the occupation or training activity were determined in the barracks installations of Frankfurt/Oder military post. 1
1. [redacted] Comment. The present report indicates no essential changes in the occupation of Frankfurt/Oder military post and in the distribution of units carried prior to early March, as compared with the last report by the same sources of late January. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. The AAA emplacements in the Eichwald Forest north and south of the railroad bridge across the Oder River are known. [redacted] these emplacements to have been occupied in mid-January by 8 x 37-mm and 8 x 85-mm AA guns or 2 batteries each which, [redacted] belonged to units of the 32d AAA Div (US). The motor vehicle [redacted] in the present report which belongs to the 63d AAA Div (US) is believed to have been misread. In the spring of 1952, the emplacements in the Eichwald Forest had to be vacated because of highwater of the Oder River. The emplacements were then transferred to Gubener Vorstadt in Ziegenwerder. The emplacement mentioned in paragraph 14 is reported for the first time. It may be located about 1000 meters north of the Losower Berge hills. There is apparently no installation in the vicinity that has to be protected. 25X1
3. [redacted] Comment. Possibly, units of the 32d AAA Div (US) which, after short-term combat firing at Templin, were entrained for return to Frankfurt/Oder on 17 February. 25X1

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